



The Town Crier

A Newsletter from the Town of Warrenton



Farmers' Market Opens April 19

The opening day of the Warrenton Farmers' Market is a sure sign that Spring has arrived. Conveniently located in Old Town Warrenton, the Market will open for business on Saturday mornings beginning **April 19** and Wednesday mornings as of May 1.

Now in its 28th year of operation, the Market continues to attract first class vendors selling a wide variety of fresh vegetables, fruits, berries, flowers, bedding plants, herbs, home-made fresh breads, cakes, pies, jams, eggs, cheese, handmade soaps, unique crafts and much more!

The Saturday market is located at Municipal parking lot D at the intersection of 5th and Lee Streets. The Wednesday market is located in front

of Town Hall on Court and Hotel Streets. Hours for both markets are from 7:00 AM until noon.

Additional information is available from the Warrenton Economic Development Office at (540)347-6574.



Market Seeks a Master

Would you like to become involved with the Farmers' Market, but aren't a farmer, baker or candlestick maker? The Warrenton Farmers' Market is seeking a dedicated volunteer to become the 2003 "Market Master." Interested parties should contact the Warrenton Economic Development Office, (540) 347-6574 for additional information. ■

Disaster Siren Functional In Town

Warrenton residents may have recently heard a familiar sound they hadn't heard in quite a while. On March 25 the old fire siren at the Warrenton Volunteer Fire Company was reactivated and tested for a new purpose. It will now be used to alert the community of possible disaster situations, such as a tornados, terrorism or other emergencies.

The old fire siren used to alert area volunteer fire fighters of a fire, but it has been replaced by a new pager system. The fire siren has been quiet since that time.

The new early warning siren will be tested on a periodic basis. Warnings of upcoming testings will be published in area newspapers and on the Town's website.

Residents who hear the siren when it is not scheduled for testing should immediately seek further information. Check local television stations or WTOP radio (107.7 FM) for more details. Residents also can go to the Town website (www.townofwarrenton.com) and click the crawler that says "Police News." Information will be available on the Fauquier Co. website as well (www.fauquiercounty.gov).

Another good suggestion for residents who want instant updates on emergencies is to purchase a scanner or weather



radio which is capable of tuning in KHB-36, the NOAA station which transmits continuous weather information from a location near Independent Hill (162.550 MHz). It is maintained by the National Weather Service forecast office in Sterling, VA. These tuners are available at stores like Radio Shack for \$50.

In December the emergency management agencies of Virginia, Maryland and Washington, DC signed an agreement with the National Weather Service to utilize NOAA weather stations to alert the public in the event of non-weather emergencies as well. ■

Save These Dates!

April 19 - Easter Hop

Information: (540) 349-8606.

April 20 - Brunch with the Easter Bunny

Sponsored by Molly's Irish Pub.
Information: (540) 349-5300.

April 25 & 26 - Annual Old Town Sidewalk Sale

Information: (540) 347-6574.

May 17 - Warrenton Spring Festival



Warrenton Spring Festival Is A Spring Tradition

The smell of funnel cakes wafts through the air. The joyful music of an old fashioned organ grinder drifts down the streets. And everywhere you turn there are tables and tables full of wonderful crafts.

The Warrenton Spring Festival is an annual tradition in Town, and an event that draws plenty of locals as well as visitors from all over the area.

The Spring Festival is one of the rites of spring in Warrenton, an occasion that reminds people that the cold winter is finally over, and it's time to frolic in the streets. It is one of the pleasures of life in a small town.

Each year the festival brings an assortment of vendors together with great outdoor entertainment and fun things to do. All day long various bands play on the steps of the old courthouse, square dancers link arms and swing, and people wander the streets in search of nothing more than a few pleasant hours with friends and family members.

Though the string of booths stretches only a quarter of a mile, it may take you all day to get all the way around. Every few yards you're bound to see someone you know, and a lengthy chat is inevitable. But then it's on again to the next booth, or to the home made ice cream at Warrenton Presbyterian Church.

This year's Warrenton Spring Festival, set for **May 17**, promises to be better than ever. Event planners have been working out the details all year, and the only thing left to do is pray for bright, sunny weather.



What could be better than a warm spring day, the bright colors of a street festival, and getting your face painted?

So make your plans now... mark your calendars... and plan to come and take in one of the true treasures of our town.

See you at the festival! ■

Recyclers... Hang In There!



As many residents are aware, the Town has been having some problems with the "Blue Bag" recycling program. This is because the contractor responsible for picking up recyclable items has been having difficulty keeping a steady driver on this route that knows the Town and all the stops.

The Town is in the process of making some changes and implementing a new method of collection. These changes will not affect the Blue Bag collection schedule for residents; the changes merely will improve service from the contractor. This will improve the consistency and efficiency of this collections.

By April residents should notice some improvements in the Blue Bag collections program. Please bear with us as we implement improvements. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding.

If you have any questions please call Public Works at (540) 347-1858. ■

Water Line To Be Replaced

The Town of Warrenton Utilities Department will be replacing the existing 10" cast iron water line underneath 4th Street between Main and Horner Streets. The new line will be a 12" pipe.



This project will begin sometime this spring with a completion time of 30 days. There will be some water outages during the project, but they will only affect customers on 4th Street between Main and Horner Streets. Notification will be given prior to the water being turned off.

Additionally, 4th Street will be closed to through traffic during the time that work is actually in progress. The street will be reopened each day at the completion of the work day. Residents on 4th Street will be allowed to access their businesses or residence either by entering on Main Street or Horner Street.

If you have any questions, please contact the Utilities Department, at (540) 347-1858. ■

Time For Spring (Yard) Cleaning!

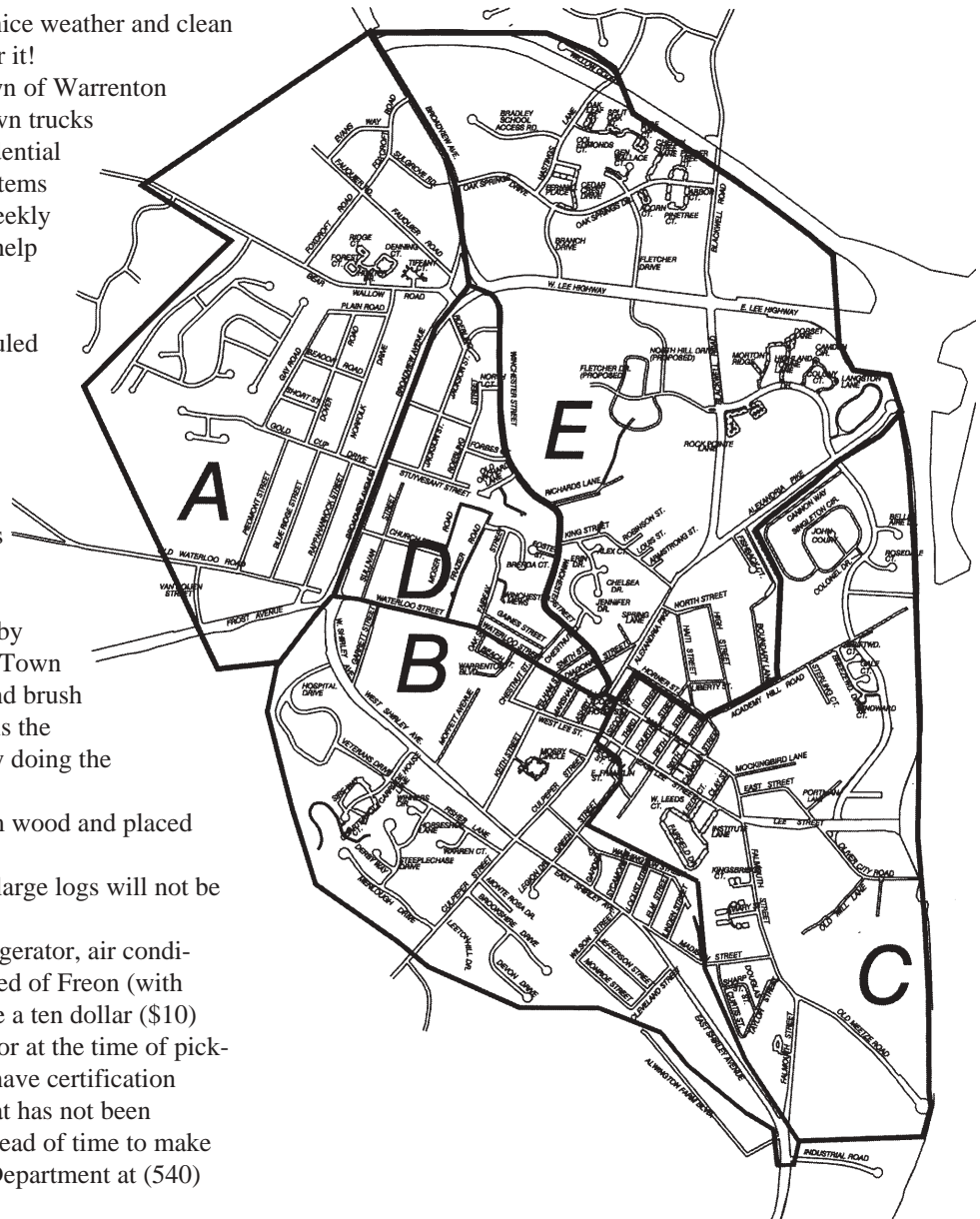
Feeling ready to get outside in the nice weather and clean up the yard after a rough winter? Go for it!

Spring Clean-Up Week for the Town of Warrenton is scheduled for April 7 - 11, 2003. Town trucks will provide extra collections in all residential areas to pick up trash, refuse and other items that cannot be handled on the regular weekly schedule. Here are a few guidelines to help you get the most out of this service:

- All items must be placed on the street line by 8:00 AM of the day scheduled for your area. Sorry... we are unable to make return trips.
- All trash and refuse must be placed in proper containers. Tree trimmings and brush must be placed separately. Small clippings from bushes or shrubs should be bagged and placed with regular refuse.
- If you're having tree work done by a professional company, remember that Town crews will not pick up tree trimmings and brush cut by tree companies or contractors; it is the responsibility of the contractor/company doing the work.
- All metal must be separated from wood and placed separately.
- Dirt, rocks, sod, old stumps and large logs will not be picked up.
- Any item containing Freon (refrigerator, air conditioner, dehumidifier, etc.) must be drained of Freon (with certification of drainage) or there will be a ten dollar (\$10) landfill charge that must be paid before or at the time of pick-up. Items that have been drained must have certification attached. To have an item picked up that has not been drained, please contact Public Works ahead of time to make arrangements. Call the Public Works Department at (540) 347-1858.
- During Spring Clean-Up Week, regular household refuse and recycling will be picked up as usual on the regular scheduled days. Please place it separately from clean-up items. ■

Special Spring Clean-Up Collections By Area:

- Area A - Monday, April 7**
- Area B - Tuesday, April 8**
- Area C - Wednesday, April 9**
- Area D - Thursday, April 10**
- Area E - Friday, April 11, 2003**



Regular Brush Collection Policy

In addition to the special collections for Spring Clean-Up Week, the Town also will pick up small trimmings, clippings, grass and leaves as time allows. These items should be placed in bags and set out with regular refuse.

Brush that can be fed through a chipper also will be picked up. It should be placed in neat piles at the curb or roadside. Crews will get to it when time permits. Remember, large logs, stumps, rocks and dirt will not be picked up.

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Town Office Hours and Telephone Numbers

Town Office Hours are 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

The area code is 540 unless otherwise noted.

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| Economic Development | 347-6574 |
| Finance Department | 347-1102 |
| Inspections | 347-2405 |
| Maintenance Shop | 347-1858 |
| Police Department | |
| Office of the Chief | 347-1105 |
| Police Station | 347-1107 |
| Non-emergency | 347-1100 |
| Emergency | 911 |
| Planning and Zoning | 347-2405 |
| Recycling | 347-1858 |
| Sewage Plant | 347-1104 |
| Town Hall | 347-1101 |
| Town Manager | 347-4505 |
| Utilities | 347-6574 |
| Water Bills | 347-2678 |
| Water Plant | 347-1103 |
| TTD/TTY | 1-800-828-1120 |

**After Hours Water and Sewer Emergency
347-1100**

Holiday Refuse Collection

Memorial Day -- Monday, May 26

Monday 5/26/03 - Holiday no refuse collection

Tuesday 5/27/03 - Mondays refuse collection

Wednesday 5/28/03 - Tuesdays refuse collection plus
recycling collections (cardboard, news paper and blue
bags)

Thursday 5/29/03 - Regular refuse collection

Friday 5/30/03 - Regular refuse collection

Independence Day -- Friday, July 4

Monday 6/30/03 - Regular refuse collection

Tuesday 7/1/03 - Regular refuse collection

Wednesday 7/2/03 - Regular recycling collections
(cardboard, news paper and blue bags)

Thursday 7/3/03 - Regular refuse collection plus Fridays
refuse collection

Friday 7/4/03 - Holiday no refuse collection ■

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